

**Subject:** GM's Message plus Clean Streets LA, Mayor's Volunteer Corps and DWP Reform

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## GM's Message 04.08.16

I hope our newsletter finds you well. We are riding the Neighborhood Council election roller coaster now with the start of Region 1 elections last Saturday and Region 3 elections yesterday in the Valley. With Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council coming out of the gate with over 1200 voters showing up at the polls as well as nearly 400 voters in Sylmar Neighborhood Councils testing the online voting waters, it's been a pretty exciting start. I was happy to see Controller Ron Galperin, Councilmember Paul Krekorian and LAHSA Commissioner Wendy Greuel voting in Neighborhood Council elections yesterday despite the rain. Elections continue in the northwest Valley tomorrow with Region 2 so come out and vote!



I was so pleased to see Neighborhood Council Valley Village Vice President, Ginny Hatfield, named as one of the five "Inspirational Women of the San Fernando Valley" for her amazing work with the Neighborhood Council. You can read more about the award below. Ginny was also a winner of the EmpowerLA Spirit Award a few months ago for empowering folks beyond her own Neighborhood Council with her Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Council Executive Committee work. Congratulations, Ginny!



Some big Neighborhood Council policy updates happened this week. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners met on Monday and passed their [Neighborhood Council Minutes Posting Requirements Policy](#). In addition, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee recommended City Council to adopt a [Council Policy](#) providing certified Neighborhood Councils an opportunity to speak separate from the public comment process to present Neighborhood Council positions via their Community Impact Statements. Please make sure that your Neighborhood Councils are submitting Community Impact Statements on Council Files so that you can take advantage of this great opportunity to present your community's position in person as well.

After nearly a year of hard work, it was exciting to see Mayor Eric Garcetti launch of [CleanStat](#), which grades over 22,000 miles of LA's streets and alleys. Now that we have this fantastic index, it's time to roll up our sleeves around the City and get to

cleaning. For more information on the [Clean Streets LA program](#) and how Neighborhood Councils will be a part of the solution, see below.

A reminder that PlanCheckNC is cancelled tomorrow because of the [reCode](#) Public Forum in the Harbor. If I don't see you at the Neighborhood Council elections tomorrow, have a great weekend!

Best,  
Grayce Liu,  
General Manager  
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (aka) EmpowerLA  
***Empower Yourself, Empower Your Community, EmpowerLA***

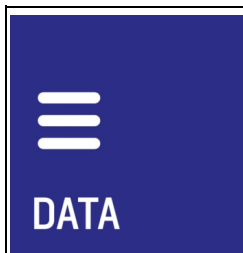


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## Mayor's Message

Mayor Eric Garcetti announced a surge in new jobs across the city, and highlighted new resources available to help businesses create more jobs...

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**Mayor Garcetti Asks Public Works Liaisons For Help**

Today was a great day for those Neighborhood Councils that have been tackling neighborhood cleanups for so many years. **Mayor...**

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Help to make festivals, special events, marathon races, and your neighborhood safe and enjoyable for everyone. Please observe...

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## Message from the Mayor's Volunteer Corps to Neighborhood Councils

As you look for ways to make a difference in your communities on the issues you care about most, we want you to be aware...

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## DWP Reform -- Yes, We Want to Help Make Sausage

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## LA Animal Services wants your valuable input



Come share your thoughts and ideas on how we can do even more for animals and people in our City.

[laanimalservices.com/community](http://laanimalservices.com/community)



## Latest LAAS April Meetings

Los Angeles Animal Services wants your valuable input and feedback on how we can do even more for animals and people in the City of Los Angeles...

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## 5 inspirational women of the SFV

Congratulations to Ginny Hatfield of Valley Village Neighborhood Council for being named as one of the inspirational women of the San Fernando Valley...

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Please join us for LA Sanitation's first annual citywide

**EARTH DAY LA**  
ZERO WASTE - ONE WATER

Hansen Dam Park  
11770 Foothill Blvd.  
Lake View Terrace

Saturday, April 23, 2016  
9am to 2pm  
FREE ADMISSION!

## LASAN's Earth Day LA on Saturday 4/23

LA Sanitation is hosting its first annual citywide Earth Day LA event to be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 9am...

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## Video: Bike Safety

Now that you have access to bicycling resources with the new



## Make Music in the Election Year!

Another year has passed and so many important issues are on the

#LeapLA, watch this video for safety political table. Many of you are in the reminders on sharing... midst of election...

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